

# Charlotte City Council Intergovernmental Relations Committee Summary Minutes February 15, 2021

#### **COMMITTEE AGENDA TOPICS**

I. Call to Order & Introductions

II. State Legislative Update

III. Federal Legislative Update

IV. Committee Discussion

V. Upcoming Opportunities

VI. Next Committee Meeting

#### **COMMITTEE INFORMATION**

Committee Members Present: Tariq Bokhari (Co-Chair), Braxton Winston (Co-Chair), Larken Egleston, Matt

Newton, and Greg Phipps

**Special Guests:** Mayor Vi Lyles

Ches McDowell, Kilpatrick Townsend Nelson Freeman, Kilpatrick Townsend

**Staff Resources:** Dana Fenton, City Manager's Office

Tracy Dodson, City Manager's Office

Federico Rios, Housing and Neighborhood Services

**Meeting Duration:** 2:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.

## **DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTS**

## **Call to Order & Introductions**

Co-Chairs Bokhari and Winston allowed members to introduce themselves and yielded to Dana Fenton, Intergovernmental Relations Manager to introduce staff resources and state legislative consultants, Kilpatrick Townsend.

### **State Legislative Update**

Staff and city's contract lobbyists from Kilpatrick Townsend provided an Information Item on the work of the General Assembly that convened on January 13. The presentation covered the balance of power between the two parties in the House and Senate, leadership's legislative priorities, key House and Senate committee leadership and House and Senate bill drafting and filing deadlines.

### **Federal Legislative Update**

Staff provided an Information Item on the work of the US Congress. The presentation covered the results of the city's 2020 legislative agenda, 2021 city legislative priorities and the Administration's priorities in the areas of

emergency relief, infrastructure, climate change, immigration and racial equity and social justice. Staff reviewed the highlights of the Biden administration's proposed \$1.9 trillion emergency relief measure and the contemplated \$2 trillion infrastructure measure.

Staff is working on scheduling delegation briefings to review the City's 2021 legislative priorities with the City's Congressional Delegation the week of March 8.

## **Committee Discussion**

Going forward, there will always be a state and legislative update on the agenda for this committee through June 2021. Committee requested the legislative agendas of Mecklenburg County and towns.

## **Upcoming Opportunities**

March 3, 2021, 5:00 pm, Virtual NCLM Town & State Social March 7 – 10, 2021, Virtual NLC Congressional Cities Conference

# **Next Committee Meeting**

The next committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 15, 2021 at 2 pm.